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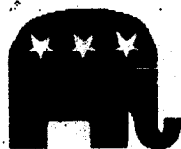
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing to advocate for settlement of the matter U.S.v. Microsoft.

New York State is still recovering from the failed fiscal policies of a decade ago, and thanks to Governor George Pataki has become far more business friendly. However we still have a long way to go.

Microsoft products are used by the vast majority of business and consumers in New York. Litigation aimed at breaking up Microsoft is not the proper role of the federal government. Our officials, elected and appointed, need to do everything they can to encourage capitalism, the advancement of technology and healthy competition.

I have seen no evidence of public outcry regarding Microsoft. This lawsuit was generated by Microsoft competitors and the battle belongs in the marketplace, not the courtroom. To punish this company with further litigation and use tax dollars to fund this dubious effort will only hurt the end user – we the consumers.

Please include me among those who support immediate settlement over protracted litigation.

Sincerely,

Robert Smith
Chairman